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APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

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Sir:

On October 27, 28 & 31, 2005, Applicant's attorney, Scott E. Baxendale, and Examiner Johnson conducted a series of telephonic interviews regarding proposed Examiner Amendments to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. The telephonic interviews were initiated at the outset by Examiner Johnson. Amendments to claims 1, 14, 24 and 28 were discussed. Regarding claims 1 and 14, agreement was reached to amend the claims to recite that the engaged position of the tensioning mechanism and means for providing, respectively, prevents movement of the cord or cords, and that the disengaged position permits movement of the cord or cords. Similar amendments were agreed upon for claim 28. Examiner Johnson proposed the amendments to more positively recite structural limitations of the mechanisms. Regarding claim 24, agreement was reached on amendments to clarify the language in the fourth paragraph by deleting "is adapted to" and substituting "does" therefore, and changing "provide" to "provides" for grammatical

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consistency. Finally, in claim 28, agreement was also reached to include a drive actuator for accumulating a cord and applying a force to the cord instead of the tensioner as originally recited. Mr. Baxendale and the applicant again thank Examiner Johnson for his time and assistance during the telephonic interviews.

Respectfully submitted,

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